GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:184
ANSWERED ON:02.12.2002
RELEASE OF WATER BY KARNATAKA TO ANDHRA PRADESH
CHADA SURESH REDDY;SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the Government ofKarnataka to release water from Almatti Dam to tide over water crisis faced by Andhra Pradesh on the agricultural front;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the assistance proposed for Andhra Pradesh for facing acute water shortage for irrigation?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI)

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT RERERRED TO IN REPLOY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 184 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.12.2002 REGARDING RELEASE OF WATER BY KARNATAKA TO ANDHRA PRADESH.

The Union Government has not received any request from Government of Andhra Pradesh for release of water from Almatti Dam to tide over water crisis faced by Andhra Pradesh on the Agriculture front.

Irrigation being a State subject and as per present policy, irrigation projects are panned, investigated, formulated, implemented and funded by the State Governments out of their own resources and as per their priorities. However, the Central Government is providing Central Loan Assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) for such approved ongoing major/medium irrigation projects which are beyond the resource capability of States as also for completion of other projects which are in advanced stage of construction. Rs. 630.61 Crore has been released to Andhra Pradesh since 1996-1997 for completion of ongoing major/medium irrigation projects.